



Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28
Canadian Libraries Month - October
Plain Language Day - October 13
NWT Literacy Council Annual Meeting - October 19

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Blog



Use our resources for fun, family literacy activities

Happy NWT Literacy Week! As the weather gets colder, you and your children will spend more time inside. Fall can be a great time to cuddle up with a book and practice reading in any language. Here is a week-long challenge you can do with children at home or during a family literacy event. Each day of the week has a theme with suggestions of how you can use an NWT Literacy Council resource to make learning fun for kids...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

More ways to celebrate NWT Literacy Week

We're giving away prizes to one person each day who participates in our NWT Literacy Week Indigenous language challenge on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). There's still a few more days to take part. We're also holding our popular Family Literacy Night in Yellowknife at the Fieldhouse Friday between 5:30 and 7 pm. Check with your community learning centre, band office, library or early childhood program for NWT Literacy Week activities in your community.

We have a new employee

Welcome to Coleen Canney, our new Youth and Community Literacy Coordinator. Coleen is a member of Tłı̨ch'ya First Nation, a water protector, and an LGBTQ+ activist. She was a founding board member for the Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife, and contributed to Denendeh Against DAPL (Dakota Access Pipeline). In her spare time she loves to read, sing, play ukulele, attend movie club, and do various live performances. We look forward to having Coleen work with communities on our Skill Builders for Youth project. [Read a blog about this program](#) by Coleen's predecessor.

Volunteers needed to sign up for Canada Learning Bond

Parents or grandparents will receive a \$25 gift certificate if they participate in a pilot project for our Canada Learning Bond program. Their child or grandchild must have been born in 2004 or later and not already have a Registered Education Savings Plan. Contact Christine at christine@nwtliteracy.ca or 873-9262.



Funding

Skill Builders for Youth funding

You can apply to carry out a project targeted at youth who are out of school, unemployed, underemployed, and/or at-risk. Your [Skill Builders for Youth](#) project must incorporate literacy and essential skills in a non-formal way. The funding deadline is January 15, 2020 for projects completed by the end of next March.

Arctic Inspiration Prize nominations due soon

The [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) inspires team-building and innovative projects that

benefit arctic communities. In 2019, the Arctic Inspiration Prize will award up to \$3 million which will be shared by up to 10 winning teams in three prize categories. The deadline to submit nomination packages is October 15.



News, Research, Opinion

NWT literacy award winners honoured

NWT literacy award winners were honoured at a luncheon in Yellowknife on Tuesday. The Ministerial Youth Literacy Award was given to Michelle LeMouel, of Yellowknife. Shawna Coleman, of Hay River, received the Ministerial Educator Award. Canada's Premiers awarded the 2019 NWT Council of the Federation Literacy Award to Liza Mandeville. Liza is an adult learner at the Aurora College Yellowknife campus. We were proud to publish a short story of Liza's on page 11 of our [fall 2018 issue of Literacy Matters](#).

Education in the NWT isn't working. What will help to fix it?

In some of her last pre-election remarks, NWT education minister Caroline Cochrane acknowledged in plain terms that the territory's education system is not fulfilling its purpose...[Read more](#)

What are federal leaders promising on child care, and is it enough? Advocates weigh in on party platforms

All federal parties appealing for votes in the October 21 federal election are promising measures to help young families juggle the financial pressures of earning a living and making ends meet...[Read more](#)

Monique Gray Smith, Cindy Blackstock awarded PMC Indigenous Literature Awards

Novelist Monique Gray Smith and picture book author, Cindy Blackstock, have been chosen as the winners of the PMC Indigenous Literature Awards and will each receive \$3,000. The award is given out by the Periodical Marketers of Canada...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

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